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(RAY)
SAVANNAH, GA.--JAMES EARL RAY HAS HIRED A NEW ATTORNEY, J.B. STONER OF SAVANNAH, AND WILL TRY TO CHANGE HIS PLEA MONDAY TO INNOCENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., STONER'S ASSISTANT SAID TODAY.

STONER, AN ATTORNEY FOR THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, GAINED A REPUTATION IN RECENT YEARS IN THE SOUTH BY DEFENDING SEGREGATIONISTS.

EDWARD FIELDS, STONER' ASSISTANT, SAID STONER AND RAY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT "FOR SOME TIME" AFTER THE ASSASSINATION AND HAD VISITED HIM IN JAIL SEVERAL TIMES.

"YOU MIGHT SAY MR. STONER IS AN ADVISOR," FIELDS SAID.

FIELDS SAID UNDER TENNESSEE LAW, RAY HAS 30 DAYS FROM THE DAY HE IS CONVICTED TO ATTEMPT TO CHANGE HIS PLEA.

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